

***REV. JOHN KOHNKE, O.PRAEM.***  
***(CANONS REGULAR OF PREMONTRE, PREMONSTRATIENSIS, NORBERTINES)***

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**Vicar for Clergy Database**

Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

**Rev John J. Kohnke, O.Praem.**

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*Current Primary Assignment**Birth Date* 8/1/1907*Age:**Birth Place**Deanery:**Diaconate Ordination**Priesthood Ordination* 3/22/1937*Diocese Name**Date of Incardination**Religious Community* Norbertine Fathers-St. Norbert Abbey, Wisconsin*Ritual Ascription* Latin*Ministry Status* Deceased*Canon State* Relig. Order Priest*Incard Process* ☐*Begin Pension Date**Seminary**Ethnicity* English**Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training***Date Background Check**Virtus Training Date*

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**Assignment History**

<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Beginning Date</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
Deceased	9/2/1987	
Left Archdiocese	10/7/1974	9/2/1987
St. Luke Hospital, Pasadena Chaplain, Active Service, This hospital is now closed. Fr. John Kohnke lived in an apartment at 2685 Woodlyn, Pasadena.	10/8/1971	10/6/1974
Chaplain, Active Service	8/15/1969	10/7/1971

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
1531 WEST NINTH STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015

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Confidential  
June 11, 1970

This date Fr. John Kohnke, O. Praem  
asst. Chaplain, St Joseph Hospital, Burbank  
came to the Chancery to relate that he had  
been picked-up by the L.A. P.D. for  
vag. + lewd conduct in a public place.  
The incident happened in a North Hollywood  
park on June 10, Wednesday at 9 P.M.  
He was accused of masturbating in the public  
rest room. His explanation was that  
he had had a prostate operation and  
was merely pressing his stomach. There  
was no physical masturbation or intent  
to do so.

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REDACTED REDACTED

was called to the

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Police Station, North Hollywood. There was no  
charge filed, no booking etc.

Fr. <sup>KOHNKE</sup> ~~Konke~~ was cautioned strongly to  
wear his clericals and to avoid all parks &  
places of recreation where there are public  
rest rooms.

J. A. Lawder

1. COPIES TO:

2. CASE NO. 420 / 061 A

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
ORANGE COUNTY  
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

JAMES A. MUSICK, SHERIFF-CORONER

INITIAL CRIME REPORT

3. OFFENSE CPC 272 Contributing to Delinq. of Minor				4. DATE - TIME COMMITTED 8-29-74 2245 hrs.																					
5. WHERE COMMITTED Laguna Hills 1 Mi. So. of Via Iglesia on Moulton Pkwy,				6. GRID 44.8		7. DATE - TIME REPORTED 8-29-74 2256 hrs.																			
9. INFORMANT Assigned Officers				10. ADDRESS - PHONE OCSD																					
11. VICTIM DOB REDACTED				12. ADDRESS - PHONE REDACTED																					
13. BUSINESS ADDRESS - PHONE Student Mater Dei High School				16. BUSINESS ADDRESS - PHONE																					
15. FIRM NAME OF VICTIM																									
17. VICTIM'S OCCUPATION RACE SEX AGE Student Cau M 16				18. TYPE OF PREMISES OR LOCATION WHERE OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED Rural area just off public highway																					
19. POINT WHERE ENTRANCE WAS MADE: CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY				24. WEAPON OR MEANS USED: CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON																					
20. EXACT LOCATION OF PROPERTY WHEN STOLEN				25. EXACT LOCATION OF VICTIM AT TIME OF OFFENSE																					
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23. WHERE WERE OCCUPANTS AT TIME OF OFFENSE?				28. FORCE OR METHOD USED																					
29. APPARENT MOTIVE--TYPE OF PROPERTY TAKEN OR OBTAINED				30. TOTAL VALUE STOLEN \$																					
31. TRADEMARKS OF SUSPECT(S)--ACTIONS OR CONVERSATION																									
32. VEHICLE USED BY SUSPECT(S)--YEAR, MAKE, BODY TYPE, COLOR, LICENSE NUMBER AND ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS.																									
33. WITNESSES (1) Assigned Deputies (2) (3)				34. ADDRESS OCSD																					
35. SUSPECTS: (IF ARRESTED, NAME AND BOOKING NUMBER ONLY) (1) KOHNKE, John Joseph Book.# 214-940 (2) (3)																									
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## SYNOPSIS:

Suspect allows and has in his presence the above victim who is a minor and engages in acts of Oral Copulation in violation of PC 262A. Refer to Initial Crime Report under DR 420/061 for further information.

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37. INVESTIGATING OFFICERS REDACTED		38. DATE OF REPORT 8-30-74	39. APPROVED
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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
ORANGE COUNTY  
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

JAMES A. MUSICK, Sheriff-Coroner

STATEMENT OF SUBJECT

3. OFFENSE CPC 288a Oral Copulation	4. VICTIM State of California
5. NAME OF SUBJECT REDACTED	6. ADDRESS OF SUBJECT REDACTED ✓
7. LOCATION OF INTERVIEW Orange County Sheriff's Office	7. DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW Thursday 8-29-74 2345hrs.

ADVISEMENT OF RIGHTS

1. You have the absolute right to remain silent.
2. Anything you say can and will be used as evidence against you in court.
3. You have the right to consult with an attorney, to be represented by an attorney, and to have an attorney present before any questions are asked.
4. If you cannot afford an attorney one will be appointed by the court, free of charge, to represent you before any questioning if you desire.

The above advisement of rights was read to Subject REDACTED by Deputy Invest. REDACTED. The responses to the waiver questions are as follows:

Question: "Do you understand the rights I have just explained to you?"

Answer: (Quote) Yes.

Question: "With these rights in mind, are you willing to talk to me about the charges against you?"

Answer: (Quote) Yes.

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STATEMENTS OF SUBJECT

Subject stated that he had met Father John (John Joseph KOHNKE) around Easter of 1973 at a Catholic Church he attended in the San Gabriel area. He stated that Father John is a priest at a Catholic Hospital in Pasadena area who was a visiting father at the church in which he attended. He stated that Father John became good friends with his family and stated that he was asked by Father John shortly after Easter to act as an alter boy for him at the chapel of the Catholic Hospital in Pasadena where Father John maintains his parish. He stated that Father John had over the past few months had bought him many gifts such as a watch, record

10. INVESTIGATING OFFICERS

REDACTED

REPORT BY

11. DATE OF REPORT

8-29-74

12. APPROVED

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ORANGE COUNTY  
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JAMES A. MUSICK, Sheriff-Coroner

STATEMENT OF SUBJECT

3. OFFENSE CPC 288a Oral Copulation	4. VICTIM State of California
5. NAME OF SUBJECT KOHNKE, John Joseph	6. ADDRESS OF SUBJECT REDACTED
7. LOCATION OF INTERVIEW Scene of crime	7. DATE AND TIME OF INTERVIEW Thursday 8-29-74 2300hrs.

ADVISEMENT OF RIGHTS

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The above advisement of rights was read to Subject KOHNKE, John Joseph by Deputy \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ The responses to the waiver questions are as follows:

Question: "Do you understand the rights I have just explained to you?"

Answer: (Quote) Yes I do.

Question: "With these rights in mind, are you willing to talk to me about the charges against you?"

Answer: (Quote) Yes I will.

STATEMENTS OF SUBJECT

"The boy's family and I have been close friends for years. Today I drove to his home in Tustin and picked him up. He had just received his California Drivers License so I let him drive my car. We drove to Laguna Beach and then out here. We followed another vehicle to this place. We talked to a man. He was dressed like a security guard. He said it was all right to park here. He then unlocked the gate and left. We stayed. I put my head into his lap REDACTED. We got carried away. I put my lips and mouth on his organ. We have done this three times before. REDACTED has also done this to me. He

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10. INVESTIGATING OFFICER REDACTED	11. DATE OF REPORT 8-29-74	12. APPROVED
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has done this three other times. He is a good boy, I don't think he has done this with anyone else."

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
ORANGE COUNTY  
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

JAMES A. MUSICK, SHERIFF-CORONER

## JUVENILE INVESTIGATION REPORT

3. OFFENSE W&I 602, PC 288a Oral Copulation				4. GRID 44.8		5. DATE/TIME COMMITTED 8-29-74 2245hrs.	
6. LOCATION WHERE OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED 1/4 mile south of Via Iglesia at Moulton Parkway,*				7. DATE/TIME REPORTED 8-29-74 2256hrs.			
8. LOCATION OF ARREST 1/4 mile south of Via Iglesia at Moulton Parkway,*				9. DATE 8-29-74		10. TIME 2250hrs.	
11. NAME REDACTED				12. ALIAS OR NICKNAME			
13. CITY REDACTED				14. STATE		15. ZIP	
16. BIRTHDATE REDACTED		17. SEX M	18. RACE Cauc	19. WHERE BORN Wash. DC	20. AGE 16	21. MARKS - SCARS None	
22. OFFENSE CPC 288a		23. ACTION See Box 53.		24. DATE 8-29-74		25. HT. 5-10	
26. WT. 130		27. HAIR brn		28. EYES hzi			
29. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION See Box 49.		30. YES X	31. NO	32. VEHICLE - YEAR, MAKE BODY TYPE 1972 Chev. Chevelle lt vinyl grn/lt grn paint		33. LICENSE NUMBER REDACTED	
34. CLOTHING - DESCRIPTION (FILL OUT FOR MISSING, RUNAWAYS, ESCAPES) Blue T-shirt, brown cords, brown leather shoes							
35. OLIN # Temp.		36. STATE Calif.		37. OC # None		38. SS # REDACTED	
39. SCHOOL STATUS Enrolled							
40. FATHER/STEP REDACTED				41. ADDRESS REDACTED			
42. MOTHER/STEP REDACTED				43. ADDRESS REDACTED			
44. CITY REDACTED				45. ZIP		46. TELEPHONE	
47. LIVES WITH: Parents				48. ADDRESS REDACTED			
49. CITY REDACTED				50. STATE			
48. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Released to parent - Appointment made with Juvenile Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> Detained Juvenile Hall - Parent notified. <input type="checkbox"/> Detained Other (explain Box 49) - Parent notified. <input type="checkbox"/> Released to parent - No further action recommended.							
				Date 8-30-74 Time 0130hrs. School Attending: Matter Day High			

## 49. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND REMARKS:

\*6. Laguna Hills area  
\*8. Laguna Hills area

Refer to Initial Crime Report this case number.

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50. INVESTIGATING OFFICER REDACTED		51. DATE OF REPORT 8-29-74		52. APPROVED	
53. FINAL DEPARTMENT DISPOSITION C <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/> P <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/>		54. INV.		55. CJI OPERATOR	

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Crimes Against PersonsSHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
ORANGE COUNTY  
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

REDACTED SHERIFF-CORONER

INITIAL CRIME REPORT

3. OFFENSE CPC 288a Oral Copulation		4. DATE - TIME COMMITTED Thursday 8-29-74 2245hrs.	
5. WHERE COMMITTED 1/4 mile south of Via Iglesia on *		6. GRID 44.8	7. DATE - TIME REPORTED 8-29-74 2256hrs.
9. INFORMANT Assigned Officers		10. ADDRESS - PHONE OCSD	
11. VICTIM State of California		12. ADDRESS - PHONE	
3. BUSINESS ADDRESS - PHONE		14. CONTACT TIME - ADDRESS	
5. FIRM NAME OF VICTIM		16. BUSINESS ADDRESS - PHONE	
7. VICTIM'S OCCUPATION RACE SEX AGE		18. TYPE OF PREMISES OR LOCATION WHERE OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED Rural area just off public highway	
19. POINT WHERE ENTRANCE WAS MADE: CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY		24. WEAPON OR MEANS USED: CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON Mouth on victim's male organ.	
20. EXACT LOCATION OF PROPERTY WHEN STOLEN		25. EXACT LOCATION OF VICTIM AT TIME OF OFFENSE Front seat of suspect's vehicle.	
21. INSTRUMENT OR MEANS USED (DESCRIBE)		26. VICTIM'S ACTIVITY AT TIME OF OFFENSE Engaged in sexual activity.	
22. METHOD USED TO GAIN ENTRANCE		27. EXACT WORDS USED BY SUSPECT Unknown.	
23. WHERE WERE OCCUPANTS AT TIME OF OFFENSE?		28. FORCE OR METHOD USED Parked vehicle in secluded rural area*	
29. APPARENT MOTIVE--TYPE OF PROPERTY TAKEN OR OBTAINED Sexual gratification.		30. TOTAL VALUE STOLEN \$	
31. TRADEMARKS OF SUSPECT(S)--ACTIONS OR CONVERSATION Drives victim to rural area & engages in oral copulation.			
32. VEHICLE USED BY SUSPECT(S)--YEAR, MAKE, BODY TYPE, COLOR, LICENSE NUMBER AND ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKS. 1972 Chevrolet Chevelle 2-dr hardtop, light green vinyl over light green *			
33. WITNESSES (1) None (2) (3)		34. ADDRESS	

35. SUSPECTS: (IF ARRESTED, NAME AND BOOKING NUMBER ONLY)

(1) KOHNKE, John Joseph, REDACTED  
(2)  
(3)

M C 67 5-11 182 brn/gry grn\*  
NAME ADDRESS SEX RACE AGE HT. WT. HAIR EYES

36. DETAILS OF CRIME. EVIDENCE COLLECTED. DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY TAKEN. REMARKS.

\*5. Moulton Parkway, Laguna Hills  
\*28. and engaged in sexual activity.  
\*32. paint, Calif. license REDACTED  
\*35. (2) REDACTED  
(released to parents)

M C 16 5-10 130 brn hzl

## SYNOPSIS:

Suspects were found participating in an act of copulating the mouth with the sexual organ of the other.

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37. INVESTIGATING OFFICERS REDACTED	REPORT BY	38. DATE OF REPORT 8-29-74	39. APPROVED
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## EVIDENCE COLLECTED:

1. Two paper kleenexes obtained from under the front seat area of suspect vehicle with white starchy substance.
2. One only white linen handkerchief with starchy stains obtained from underneath the drivers seat of suspect vehicle.
3. One only white linen handkerchief with starchy stains obtained underneath the front seat passenger side.

## STATEMENTS &amp; OBSERVATIONS:

At approximately 2245 hours this date, assigned officers observed a 1972 Chevrolet Chevelle 2-dr hardtop, light vinyl green over light green paint, California license REDACTED parked off the roadway on Moulton Parkway approximately 1/4 mile south of Via Iglesia, Laguna Hills area. The vehicle was parked in a driveway to the entrance to a ranch in that area. The area was unlighted, rural and secluded. Due to the late hour and darkness, deputies checked the vehicle.

After illuminating the vehicle with the patrol unit's headlights and spotlights, Deputy REDACTED approached the vehicle on the drivers side and Deputy REDACTED on the passenger side. A male juvenile (REDACTED REDACTED, DOB REDACTED, age 16) was seated behind the wheel of the suspect vehicle. Seated on the passenger side front seat of the vehicle was Mr. KOHNKE, John Joseph, age 67, a Catholic Priest. As the patrol unit arrived at the scene, deputies noticed the adult suspect to sit upright. He had been lying down with his head in the direction of the juvenile's lap. The adult suspect immediately opened the passenger door of the vehicle and picked up a map. He continued holding the map, turning it over several times as assigned officers approached. It appeared to assigned officers that he was trying to locate the top of the map as deputies approached.

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Deputy <sup>REDACTED</sup> requested the juvenile's identification and then the identification of the male adult. The male adult identified himself as a priest, handing his license to Deputy <sup>REDACTED</sup>. Deputy <sup>REDACTED</sup> asked what they were doing in the area. Mr. KOHNKE stated they were going to get some rest before returning home to Pasadena. He said they were in Laguna Beach and were driving home and became tired and parked.

It should be noted that as Deputy <sup>REDACTED</sup> approached the vehicle, he observed the male juvenile. The juvenile's hair was mussed. He seemed frustrated not knowing what to do. His trousers were observed to be below his buttocks and he was holding the bottom half of his shirt trying to cover the lower parts of his body. Deputy <sup>REDACTED</sup> requested the juvenile to exit the vehicle. The juvenile complied. As the juvenile subject stepped from the vehicle, he pulled his pants up and buttoned them. Then Deputy <sup>REDACTED</sup> escorted the juvenile to the rear of the Sheriff's Office Patrol Unit. At this time the juvenile was wearing a blue T-shirt, brown cords and brown leather shoes. Deputy <sup>REDACTED</sup> at this time, felt the juvenile was a victim of a sexual perversion. Deputy <sup>REDACTED</sup> asked what was going on. He stated they were just parked and resting. Deputy <sup>REDACTED</sup> asked if he was being coerced into homosexual acts by the priest. The juvenile seemed very shaken and blurted out, "he didn't want to do it but felt obligated to the priest for the things he had done for him in the past." Deputy <sup>REDACTED</sup> asked if he had been orally copulated by the priest. He said, "Yes he did." Deputy <sup>REDACTED</sup> asked if this was the first time. The juvenile subject replied, "Yes, two or three times before." After this, Deputy <sup>REDACTED</sup> advised Deputy <sup>REDACTED</sup> of the content of the conversation that he had with the juvenile suspect. Deputy <sup>REDACTED</sup> admonished Mr. KOHNKE, John Joseph per MIRANDA, see his statement this case number. After taking his statement, both subjects were placed under arrest and transported to Orange County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Bureau. The vehicle was impounded at El Toro Garage. Prior to impounding the vehicle, Deputy <sup>REDACTED</sup> located two handkerchiefs and two pieces of kleenex in the suspect vehicle and retained them as evidence, see Evidence listed this case number.

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Juvenile Investigator <sup>REDACTED</sup> was contacted and interviewed both suspects at the Orange County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Bureau, see his report this case number.

The juvenile was charged with violation of W&I 602, CPC 288a, oral copulation, and was later released to his parents by Juvenile Investigator <sup>REDACTED</sup>. The male suspect, John Joseph KOHNKE was booked into Orange County Jail for violation of CPC 288a, oral copulation, see booking #214-940.

No additional action taken this date.

REDACTED

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IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT  
OF SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
Plaintiff,

vs

JOHN JOSEPH KOHNKE

Defendant(s)

COMPLAINT - CRIMINAL  
MISDEMEANOR

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The undersigned hereby certifies, upon information and belief:

Count I That on or about the 29th day of August, 19 74, at and within SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY  
Judicial District, Orange County, California, the crime of Misdemeanor, to-wit: Violation of Section 288 (a)  
of the Penal Code was committed by  
JOHN JOSEPH KOHNKE

who at the time and place last aforesaid, did then and there willfully and unlawfully participate in an act  
of copulating the mouth of the said defendant; JOHN JOSEPH KOHNKE, with the  
sexual organ of REDACTED

Count II That on or about the 29th day of August, 1974, at and within SOUTH ORANGE  
COUNTY Judicial District, Orange County, California, the crime of Misdemeanor,  
to-wit: Violation of Section 647 (a) of the Penal Code was committed by  
JOHN JOSEPH KOHNKE who at the time and place last aforesaid, did then and  
there willfully and unlawfully engage in lewd and dissolute conduct in a  
public place and in a place open to the public or exposed to public view.

Count III That on or about the 29th day of August, 1974, at and within SOUTH  
ORANGE COUNTY, Judicial District, Orange County, California, the crime of  
Misdemeanor, to-wit: Violation of Section 272 of the Penal Code was committed  
by JOHN JOSEPH KOHNKE who at the time and place last aforesaid, did then  
and there willfully and unlawfully copulate the sexual organ of REDACTED  
REDACTED

**D.A. ISSUED**

Wherefore, and based upon the declaration attached, said complainant prays that a warrant may be issued for the arrest of  
JOHN JOSEPH KOHNKE

and that he be dealt with according to law.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

REDACTED

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Dated: August 30, 1974  
Place of Execution: Orange County, California CI;tc

, Complainant

OC# 290610  
 CII# NA  
 ORANGE COUNTY JAIL  
 Santa Ana, California

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## BOOKING NOTICE

BOOKING NUMBER 214-940	DATE 8-30-74	TIME 0210	HOUSING LOCATION MOD 3
NAME: LAST KOHNE		FIRST JOHN	MIDDLE JOSEPH
CHARGE I CPC 238 A ORAL COPULATION			JURISDICTION SOUTH
ARRESTING AGENCY SOP 420-031/44.8		WARRANT &/OR CASE NO.	BAIL 2500.00
BIRTHDATE 8-1-07		PLACE OF BIRTH WISC	
SEX M	RACE CAU	AGE 67	WEIGHT 5-11
HAIR 182	GRY	EYES HZL	SOCIAL SECURITY NO. REDACTED
DRIVER'S LIC. NO., STATE REDACTED			

TIME RECEIVED

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WANT/WARRANT  
OUTSTANDING
☐ YES ☒ NO
WARRANT BUR.  
NOTIFIED
☐ YES ☒ NO

IF NO, EXPLAIN

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 DATE: 08-30-74\* TIME: 02-25\*

DL/NO: E0020707\*07-01-07\*NAME: KOHNE JOHN JOSEPH\*ADDR AS OF 07-22-72:  
 REDACTED

## IDENTIFYING INFORMATION:

SEX: MALE\*HT: 5-11\*WT: 170\*EYES: BRN\*HAIR: BROWN\*

LIC/ISS: 07-23-72\*EXP/TO: 76\*CLASS: B \*

## LICENSE STATUS:

VALID

## DEPARTMENTAL ACTION:

NONE

## CONVICTIONS:

DATE	CHARGE	DISP	COURT
03-22-74	04-02-74	02450	015

## FAILURES TO APPEAR:

NONE

## ACCIDENTS:

NONE

END

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3. ☐ INITIAL NON-CRIMINAL  
4. ☒ FOLLOW-UP CRIMINAL  
5. ☐ CONTINUATION PAGE NO.

JAMES A. MUSICK, SHERIFF-CORONER

FOLLOW-UP REPORT

6. OFFENSE CPC 288a Sex Perversion	7. LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Hills	
8. VICTIM State of Calif.	9. DATE OF OCCURRENCE 8-29-74	10. GRID 44.8

## 11. DETAILS OF INCIDENT:

On 8-29-74, 2330 hrs., assigned was requested to respond to the Sheriff's Facility at the request of Patrol Deputies who had a sixteen year old male subject and a sixty seven year old male subject in custody for sex perversion. Assigned was contacted by Patrol Deputies REDACTED and REDACTED at the Facility and they had in custody REDACTED and KOHNKE, John Joseph, dob: 8-1-07.

Assigned escorted subject REDACTED to conference room #2 and in the presence of Deputy REDACTED informed him of his constitutional rights as per Miranda. He stated that he understood those rights and was willing to waive same and discuss the case with assigned. (Refer to Statement of Subject report as submitted by Deputy REDACTED. Other than the statements as related to the offense, assigned counseled with REDACTED as to his background, family environment and his moral values. Subject REDACTED was released to his parents who responded to the Facility and were apprised of the incident. The parents were very responsive, cooperative and receptive to any assistance that could be lent. They were informed that an Application For Petition would be filed with the Probation Dept. and that they would be contacted by said Dept. in the near future for further disposition.

Assigned also had conversation with Mr. KOHNKE in the atmosphere of counseling and not with the specific intent of soliciting any further admissions or confessions. Mr. KOHNKE was booked into OCJ by Deputies REDACTED. No further action taken by this Officer.

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12. INVESTIGATING OFFICERS R. REDACTED	REPORT BY REDACTED	13. DATE OF REPORT 8-30-74	14. APPROVED [Signature]
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Sept 24, 1990  
 REDACTED

Dear Archbishop Mahony,

I have put all my information, as you see on the top right hand corner of this letter, before I forget.

This is the most difficult letter I have had to write in my life, but I have been advised by one of my doctors to write directly to you.

I have tried 6017 months ago to talk with people in the Orange Archdiocese. I had constantly been referred and put off to talk to someone else.

All I asked and pleaded for was that they would get a top Psychiatrist for my son and that the Catholic Church would pay ~~would~~ for the doctor for REDACTED sessions with him. REDACTED

I am very sorry but my nerves are so shot that I feel I will pass out writing this to you.

I will let you know before I go any further writing to you, if I can go on.

A priest by the name of Fr. John Kohnke who was a chaplain at St. Jude Hospital in Arcadia Ca. I believe or maybe it was in Pasadena. I think it was the year of 1971 or 1972 - This is while REDACTED was an altar boy at St. Felicitas & Perpetua in San Marino, where he and his brother attended school and both served as acolytes. REDACTED was around 11 yrs old, when Fr. John Kohnke asked REDACTED to help out and say mass at St. Felicitas & Perpetua - because he, being a chaplain only had to say mass once on Sunday. He came over to say mass and met REDACTED while he was serving for him as an altar boy. Fr. John asked him to also be his acolyte at the hospital Chapel, which REDACTED felt honored to do. He received "Acolyte of the Year Award" at St. Felicitas. Fr. John started having REDACTED & several other little boys staying at his apt. He, Fr. John asked

my husband & I to see this apt. We went over with  
 REDACTED & there were 3 or 4 young boys watching T.V. in  
 Fr. John's apt. — Fr. John then said "these boys  
 are allowed to sleep in the living room on the sofa  
 or in sleeping bag, but REDACTED is my favorite  
 he is the only one to sleep in my bed with me

Remember this was the year <sup>of the</sup> 1970's — I've never  
 heard about child molestation etc. so I think  
 just sort of thought nothing about it. (Even though  
 in my heart, this did not sound right)

My son REDACTED would ask me to come  
 to the Hosp. Chapel to Mass while he served  
 as altar boy with a couple of other young  
 boys. After Mass REDACTED would get me in  
 the back room where Fr. John & the altar boys were  
 removing their altar boy uniforms meanwhile  
 the priest would dive into the collection plate &  
 give the other boys a dollar. Then he would stuff  
 all kind of bills into REDACTED pockets because  
 REDACTED would not take the money but he kept  
 REDACTED stuffing pockets ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> all of

the money in the collection plate. I  
 thought this is terrible, these are real people &  
 their families & it seemed to me that he  
 was throwing their money away & not giving  
 it to the Hosp. Chapel. I questioned this to  
 REDACTED & Fr. John Konikhe he said oh REDACTED

worried so much he deserved some money.  
 REDACTED did not want this money (I can't go on  
 about this) This is just after REDACTED

REDACTED

1 Fr. John would listen as REDACTED poured out  
 his heart to him about REDACTED death. (This is all what REDACTED told me) he was never  
 told a lie in his life. As REDACTED poured out his heart Fr. Konikhe  
 would sympathize with him & have him  
 over at his apt. all the more. He would hold  
 REDACTED was crying

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His heart out to me - This went on for over  
a yr. (better say it here before I forget) Fr  
Kohnhe ~~was~~ <sup>was having sex with him and</sup>  
this time telling <sup>REDACTED</sup> to promise to me

Tell his parents because "They would  
understand" but he would take <sup>REDACTED</sup>  
himself to different churches every  
Sat. for Confession & Fr. would go  
to Confession & <sup>REDACTED</sup> go and  
confess all this (my son was so confused  
1st he could not tell us anything, 1st  
he had to go to Confession with  
Fr. Kohnhe every Sat.) ~~and~~ <sup>we</sup> never  
knew any of this until this all came  
out.

Fr. Kohnhe became a great friend  
of ours, he was always over for drinks  
& served drinks that I served &  
cooked for him (gourmet meals)  
not knowing any of this

my husband told him that his <sup>that he worked for</sup> company  
was being transferred to San Juan Capistrano  
& that we were looking for house & would  
have to move soon, meanwhile my  
husband was driving from Pasadena  
to San Juan Capistrano until we  
found a house. as soon as we bought  
this house in Trustin - we all went  
to St. Felicita and Perpetua Church  
and after Fr. John Kohnhe saying mass

4.  
Just as Fr. John was coming out of the back  
of the church - we were all waiting for  
him my husband & I & ~~REDACTED~~ & his  
younger brother - We told Fr. Konhke &  
asked him if he was free to go with us  
to see our new house in Trustin.

He had tears in his eyes & ~~was~~ kept  
saying in disbelief "you bought a house -  
you are moving?" Then we all  
begged him to come with us just to  
see ~~the~~ house & then we would take  
him out to the best place in Trustin  
for dinner. He was anxious to  
come & see, so he did. The house  
has 4 bedrooms, & he kept saying  
when will I see you all? I said  
you can come over every week-end.  
Or whenever - I will reserve one bedroom  
just for you - he looked like he would  
cry ~~again~~ - so I said I will even  
have a gold plate put on his bedroom  
door with his name on it.

after he seemed to adjust to this idea  
he seemed to calm down, then he started  
coming over very frequently from  
Pasadena to Trustin. I fixed  
elegant candlelight dinner  
lunches on the patio & his drinks to sip

5.

He even went swimming in the pool with  
our two boys (We were still blind as  
bats as to anything going on)

He did come ~~come~~ <sup>REDACTED</sup> to our house  
& stay over - but <sup>REDACTED</sup> said in  
the middle of the night - he always ~~said~~  
ended up in <sup>REDACTED</sup> bed with him, doing  
these vile things - <sup>REDACTED</sup> said he used  
a lot of noise in <sup>REDACTED</sup> was doing these  
things and <sup>REDACTED</sup> kept praying  
that we would hear him (Fr Kolmbe) &  
come rushing in & catch him. I  
was almost totally deaf in one  
ear. In the other & my husband  
admits he never heard anything (I  
have to admit he did sleep like a rock  
& a few drinks with this priest knocked  
him out.

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REDACTED

One Sat eve. (This is when  
& our youngest son were attending  
Water Dei. High School in Santa Ana  
This Sat eve. after we had lived here about  
8 months. Fr. John said he would  
take <sup>REDACTED</sup> to the mall & go to FedCo  
etc. We said fine. My husband & I  
sat up watching TV. while he dozed off  
then he looked at his watch & sat upright  
because it was almost midnight.  
So he said let us call the police

REDACTED

6.

+ Fr. Kohnke may have had  
an accident just as <sup>we</sup> were  
headed for the telephone in the  
kitchen - it began to ring - They said  
this is the Santa Ana police and  
we have your son in custody at  
Juvenile Hall in Santa Ana

also we have a priest here, Fr.  
John Kohnke. We rushed down to the  
Police station + 1st we saw the priest  
He said they just let him sit in  
the waiting room <sup>because he was a</sup>  
priest but <sup>REDACTED</sup> was a juvenile  
~~fall~~ - We got him out  
<sup>REDACTED</sup> of there + brought - home  
I left the priest there.

<sup>REDACTED</sup> was white as a ghost,  
Crying his heart out trying to tell us  
what this priest did to him. He  
not only committed Sodomy he became  
like an animal <sup>REDACTED</sup> said he was never the  
bad. Never at <sup>this time</sup> ~~that~~ did. not seem to  
suffer in us; <sup>REDACTED</sup> said he put his  
male organ in <sup>REDACTED</sup> mouth & almost  
~~choke~~ choked him to death - I can't  
do on all it does, it gets worse & ~~more~~

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7.

REDACTED

day it is so bad that  
 graduated from Foster  
 with honor + 3 scholarships  
 plus one from my Great  
 husbands Co. where he

was an engineer. Each  
 birthday <sup>REDACTED</sup> <sup>some worse</sup> has had - he  
 left home when he was 18 &  
 we couldn't find him for almost  
 a year & ever since ~~he~~ <sup>has</sup> been

working as a janitor &  
~~maintaining~~ <sup>non</sup> at apt.  
 bldgs. where he could get a free apt  
 for his working there - he is  
 an Eagle Scout & even  
 was assistant Scoutmaster  
 to his father ~~who~~ was the Scoutmaster  
 in Pasadena & here in Tustin  
 because every father he begged of his  
 Scout troop was ~~too~~ busy to be assg'd  
<sup>REDACTED</sup> begs for a Boy Scoutmaster  
 M. A. Dim Ems





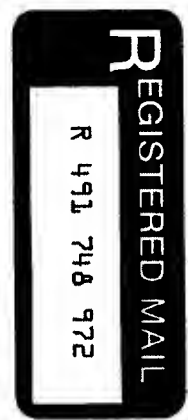
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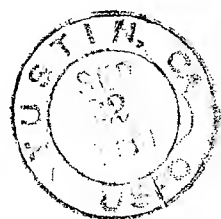
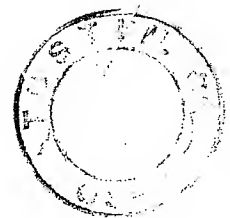
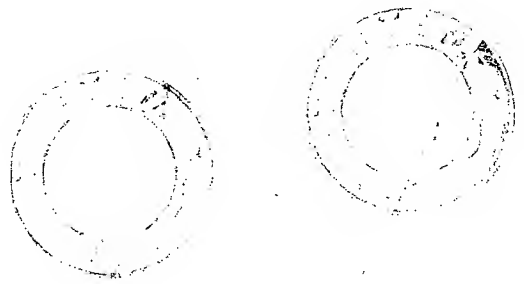
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REDACTED

Friday, September 28, 1990

I called REDACTED and she talked continuously for about half an hour. She was coherent but terribly distressed. Her talk repeated much of what was in her letter, and she said several times that if I had called six months ago her son would be alright. She said that she had spoken to my secretary, but no one in the office has any recollection of her. She may have spoken to someone in Orange, or she may have thought I was from Orange.

REDACTED

REDACTED

Some maniac has moved in with him and is controlling his life. This man has made a zombie out of REDACTED This man moved in on REDACTED 1990.

Her husband will not accept that REDACTED is homosexual. He told her, "that word does not exist for me in the English language."

This man has taken over REDACTED life. Now REDACTED is a walking Zombie.

His brother is going crazy, and his father is not working and is making no money.  
REDACTED



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Your son is very free to contact me directly, or he may send me a letter by way of you.

I do hope this will be helpful to you, and please know you have my sympathy in this difficult time.

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24598

Enclosed in the  
letter you wrote  
to me.

Nov. 1, 1990  
REDACTED

1.

Dear Msgr. Curry,

I received your letter today  
on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Oct. I have called  
you 3 times ~~several days apart~~ & left a message  
for you to call me back. I  
have not heard from you at  
all and I do not know how  
much longer I can hold  
on. I believe you told me on  
the telephone that I could call  
you. Why have you not called me back?

I showed REDACTED (my son) your  
letter. He was very upset with  
the letter and said that he wanted  
"psychiatric help, not just an  
"evaluation" of his situation".  
I told him that I would call  
you and get more information  
from you. As I have not heard  
from you, I am writing this  
letter as to what to do about  
this madness - he gets hysterical  
everytime I mention The  
Catholic Church; he desperately  
needs help also from REDACTED  
REDACTED which he has been

24599

2.

on. Since he started gradually while at Mater Dei. When he graduated from Mater Dei he totally cleaned out his room, while my husband & I were on a retreat - when we got home Sunday eve. Our youngest son told us he left home - his bedroom door was open & it was so stripped & completely empty - even lights. That he had built into the ceiling were gone - & collapsed at the inside of his bedroom door. It was as if he had died - The same feeling came over me when

REDACTED died. I will finish this letter tomorrow & I am shaking so badly.

24600

Nov. 20, 1991

11  
Nov. 20. 1990.

I can't keep writing these letters,  
~~that~~ this living hell is bad  
enough, but to keep putting  
it on paper is almost  
impossible - reliving all  
these horrors. I did not continue  
to write you the following day  
because there is too, too much  
to tell - I need to either  
tell you all this in person  
or find some other way -  
keeps on  
what all & God knows  
REDACTED  
REDACTED  
REDACTED  
REDACTED

REDACTED  
REDACTED

We - he  
tell have always been very  
close - he has told me things  
he would never tell his  
father or even his brother.  
He brought some pictures  
over to our house. <sup>Jan. 1992</sup> of he &  
a girl that was visiting here  
from England - I was  
Thanking God because  
said for the first time "I am  
in love!!" He always  
REDACTED

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was so concerned that he  
 would end up a homosexual.  
 He used to talk to me about  
 that quite often and with  
 tears in his eyes would ask  
 me if I thought he would  
 become 'gay'. ~~I always~~  
~~also~~ because of Fr. Konik  
 I always assured him that  
 he ~~would~~ would not become  
 gay. He said he was terrified  
 of sex - he said he  
 tried it with several girls  
 but REDACTED  
 REDACTED

about it. He never told his  
 father anything about this  
 because he seemed to become  
 more fearful of him, because  
 of the horrors of Fr. Konik, his  
 own father did not seem  
 to show him any love or affection  
 like he did his younger brother.  
 So REDACTED sort of became attached  
 to me until he left home.  
 But then when we found  
 him, he became close to me

3.

again and would discuss God  
 the Father (whom he said he  
 was terrified of and of Jesus  
 Christ (God the Son) whom  
 he loved - but all the  
 things he talked to me REDACTED  
 REDACTED

June 2, 1991

I have not ~~so~~ finished  
 writing to you because  
 I had to start taking Psychotherapy  
 from a Christian ~~not a~~  
 therapist - he prayed  
 for me before & after each  
 session because as soon as  
 everything ~~seems~~ to get a little  
 better, it gets 10 times  
 worse. With REDACTED REDACTED  
 brother beat him up so badly  
 several times because of 2  
 REDACTED REDACTED

I can't go on.

1.

March 5, 1991

I believe in my first  
letter to you, dated ~~Sept 24~~ 1990.

I told you that ~~REDACTED~~ father  
~~REDACTED~~

all I want to do is hurry  
up & get this letter finished  
because if I had the strength  
I could & would write <sup>a book</sup> about  
about these 21 years & hell  
we have been going through.  
~~REDACTED~~ younger brother has  
totally given up ~~REDACTED~~ a his  
brother - is starting to ~~REDACTED~~

2.

more + more + is late  
for work for hours + now  
days at a time.

This cannot go on  
any longer - I want  
a Court trial w/ jury  
(especially ~~for~~ <sup>with</sup> mothers who  
have little ones as altar boys  
to hear all of this).

I will demand a  
settlement from The  
Catholic Church - so  
that I can get all the  
Help for my son. REDACTED

So that he can become a Human  
being again. and also  
a settlement for all the  
rest of my family - husband  
youngest son, + myself - for  
all this horror that we had  
to live with for 21 yrs.

REDACTED

you may God forgive  
our sins

March 9, 1991

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I listened to her for about 20 minutes and when I said I could not send her a "settlement," she said she would have to go to the newspapers and hung up.

T.D.

REDACTED

24596

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T.D.

24609



1.  
Aug. 26th 1991  
 REDACTED REDACTED

was the 27th of Aug. We were  
 invited to a birthday party  
 for REDACTED by this young man  
 around REDACTED age. But  
 he is built like a football player  
 my husband & I REDACTED brother  
 all went plus a dozen or  
 more people to REDACTED party.

Now more hell on earth  
 and it always gets worse after  
 each of REDACTED birthday - a  
 few days after REDACTED birthday  
 we found out this pervert  
 was in REDACTED  
 apt. and forced REDACTED to  
 become his lover. He  
 made threats to REDACTED - he  
 made REDACTED write down  
 everything he was terrified of.  
 he totally brainwashed  
 REDACTED & has now taken  
 over complete control of our  
 REDACTED life, his car his apt. & how & when to  
 REDACTED called us a  
 couple of months ago at  
 3:15 Sat morning crying &

is his name called him <sup>here at our</sup>  
x REDACTED talked with him.

REDACTED

3.

and went back to  
his apt. I talked to my  
doctor & therapist to ask  
what to do about this ~~situation~~  
situation. They both said  
that this <sup>REDACTED</sup> person? had  
such a hold on him <sup>Brainwashed</sup> that  
<sup>REDACTED</sup> was in such fear  
of him that he would agree  
to whatever <sup>REDACTED</sup> would tell  
the police. - & refuse  
to see my son (this is what  
my Christian therapist said  
to me that " <sup>REDACTED</sup> is dying",  
as I started to say I refused  
to see my ~~son~~ <sup>son</sup> dying in  
this living hell, plus his brother  
has started drinking & calling  
me a lesbian to my face &  
screamed at me that <sup>REDACTED</sup>  
was gay - gay - gay - He yelled  
at me ~~our~~ youngest son for us to  
get help for <sup>REDACTED</sup> - I said I had  
been trying for a year and will  
continue to do so even though  
I'm ~~sure~~ <sup>sure</sup> it will kill <sup>REDACTED</sup>  
& I both & perhaps  
our youngest son <sup>if this</sup>  
<sup>times to 9</sup>

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